

HOUSE BILL 1398

By Sparks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3007(e)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and by substituting instead the following:

(1)

(A) It is the duty of the principal or teacher of every public, private, or parochial school to report to the director of schools, or the director of schools' designated representative, the names of all students who have withdrawn from the school, or who have accumulated five (5) unexcused absences.

(B) The report required in subdivision (e)(1)(A) must be submitted to the director of schools within ten (10) days of the student's withdrawal or within ten (10) days of the student accumulating five (5) unexcused absences.

(C) For purposes of this subdivision (e)(1), "five (5) unexcused absences" means an aggregate of five (5) days during the school year and not necessarily five (5) consecutive days.

(D) The principal or teacher is required to report each successive accumulation of five (5) unexcused absences by a student.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.